Installation of colour X-Ray machines at IGIA

993. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install colour X-Ray machines at IGIA to check anti smuggling operations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Airports Authority of India have been showing least interest in the project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the machines which were installed on trial proved to be failure; and

(f) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) 4 colour X-Ray machines are being installed at Indira Gandhi International Airport to check baggage in the international arrival hall.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, there was some delay in the procurement of the machines by the Customs Department. Two machines have already been commissioned on 17-06-1996 and the other two will be commissioned soon.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

News-Readers of Primary and Metro Channels

994. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Primary and Metro Channels have their own News- readers;

(b) if so, their number separately with the details and procedure of selection adopted in each case;

(c) whether these News-readers are paid some remuneration for reading news for 15 minutes duration or less;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some of such News- readers have been employed on regular basis with normal working office hours; and

(f) if so, their salaries, nature of duties besides news-reading and detailed procedure of selection adopted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 70 News-readers on panel for Primary Channel and 12 for Metro Channel. The procedure adopted for selection of News-readers for both channels is annexed (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Casual News-readers are paid fees of Rs. 250-750/-per news bulletin.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The regular News-readers are paid in the scale of pay of Rs. 1640-2900 and Rs. 2000-3500. Their duty is to read news on television. The appointment of regular News readers has since been discontinued by Doordarshan and, therefore, the question of procedure for making selection does not arise.

Statement

List of News-Readers (Primary Channel)

Hindi

1. Aparna Singh
2. Anupam Gupta
3. Adarsh Malik
4. Amitabh Srivastava
5. Chaman Gupta
6. I.P. Singh
7. Jaswin Jassi
8. Anil Kalia
9. Munish Sharma
10. Neelam Sharma
11. Parvati
12. Rama Pandey

13. Larinsangi Ralte
14. Umesh Joshi
15. Vineet Ahuja
16. Salma Sultan
17. Shobhna Jagadish
18. Avinash Kaur
19. Anjali Rai
20. Ghazala Amin
21. Manjari Joshi
22. Meeta Chaudhry
23. J.V. Raman
24. Sarla Maheshwari
25. Sanjeev Upadhyay
26. Shubhendu Amitabh
27. Shammi Narang
28. Ved Prakash
29. Manisha Dubey
30. Sameena
31. Sandhya Sharma
32. Ranjana Yadav

English

33. Anindyo Chakravarty
34. Jyoty Raghwan
35. Indrani Mishra
36. Jitender Ramprakash
37. C. M. Mathews
38. Mrinalini J. Singh
39. Minu
40. Nalin Kohli
41. Poonam Chaddha
42. Renuka Chidambaram
43. Ramesh Venkataraman
44. Shomali Lahiri
45. Shahin Naqvi
46. Mayuri Aggarwal
47. Nirmal Andrews
48. Geetanjali Ayyer
49. Kaveri Mukherjee
50. S. Kundra
51. Neethi Ravindran
52. Rini Khanna
53. Sangeeta Bedi
54. Sukanya Balakrishnan
55. Sunit Tandon
56. Tajeshwar Singh
57. Usha Albuquequr
58. Harbinder Badhwar

Sanskrit

59. Vishwanath Sharma
60. Baldev Anand Sagar
61. Shashi Bala Gupta
62. Mangala Kavathekar
63. Patanjali Bhatia

Hearing Impaired

64. Anuradha Jha
65. Shashi Pal
66. Rajni Kalra
67. Meera C. Bhatia
68. Sonia Sharma
69. Sangeeta Wadhwa
70. Arun Rao

Names of News Readers (on Metro)

1. A.M. Raza
2. Mohd. Azam Khan
3. Aslam Beg
4. Davesh
5. Kazmi
6. Naseem Naqvi
7. Suraiya Hashmi
8. Nasreen Akhtar
9. Naghmana Parveen
10. Shakira

11. Tasneema Zaidi

12. Tehseen Munnawar

Procedure for Selection of News-Reader on Casual Basis

The applications for empanelment of Casual News-readers in different languages are invited through announcements on Doordarshan and by making advertisement in leading newspapers. The qualifications prescribed for the Casual News- readers are given as under:—

Essential	:	(i) Degree from a recongnised University. (ii) Proficiency in the language concerned. (iii) Camera-friendly face with a suitable voice. (iv) Sound knowledge of current affairs. (v) Citizen of India, staying in Delhi.
Desirable		(i) Professional background in journalism or academic (ii) Experience in electronic media. (iii) Computer literacy. (iv) Ability to interview people for news. (v) Knowledge of an additional Indian language. (vi) Ability to write news stories and to report news from the spot.

The procedure adopted for empanelment of Causual News-readers of Delhi Doordarshan is as follows:—

(i) Screening of application by a Committee of Departmental professionals which short-list candidates fulfilling the required qualifications.

(ii) Interview : Short-listed candidates are called for interview to assess their personality, knowledge of current affairs and voice quality.

(iii) Those who qualify in the interview are called for camera audition. They are recorded on camera, reading news for five minutes in the language concerned. The recordings are then examined by an Expert Committee comprising non-official and official members.

The Selection Committee for assessing the camera auditions of candidates consists of:

Three non-official from various specialist fields	—	Expert (Member)
One official from the Headquarter (DG: Doordarshan)	—	Member
Head of News, Doordarshan	—	Chairman

The final selection for empanelment of casuals for News reading is made with the approval of Director General, Doordarshan.

Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference

995. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Minister recently attended the first Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference (GIEC) held in June 1996 in Singapore;

(b) how many NRIs attended the conference (country-wise) and what was the response to accelerate the flow of NRI savings and capital into projects in India; and

(c) what are the details of discussions held and outcome of GIEC?